

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 3.01 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/3.01 new)

7 Sec. 3.01. Analysis of field services. Subject to
8 sufficient appropriations for this purpose, the Department
9 shall contract for a market research analysis of field
10 services in this State. The analysis shall include the
11 availability of veterans assistance commissions, veterans
12 service organizations, and Department staff to assist veterans
13 as well as the availability of nontraditional methods to
14 deliver services through technology-based approaches. The
15 analysis may use census data, as well as questionnaires,
16 surveys, and town hall meetings to solicit input from
17 veterans, their families, and other stakeholders. Within 18
18 months after sufficient appropriations, the Department shall
19 submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a recommended
20 plan for the future delivery of services by the Department's
21 Field Division. The report shall include the estimated cost of
22 implementing the plan.

23 This Section is repealed on December 31, 2023.